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SENATOR VICKERS: ...because you are also saying they do not have to follow the Number 1 and Number 13 in the groundwater management plan which is the controls enumerated to propose to achieve the reservoir life goal and the impact of such controls and also the proposed boundaries, is that correct? You are striking both of those as a requirement of what the strategy plan achieves?

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, I'm informed that this is a bit different than the groundwater management plan.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Lamb. I guess I like the original. I don't object so much to setting the date back on the groundwater management plan, but I have some real concerns about creating here with an amendment on Select File a new method, if you will, of our NRD's in dealing with the problems of underground water. I recall when Senator Schmit and Senator Kremer got the groundwater management plan in it took a lot of debate and a lot of discussion and a lot of study and I question the advisability of creating a new plan right here with an amendment on Select File at almost seven o'clock in the evening on the...with only six days left in the session. I think that 1106 has some good concepts in it and recognizing beneficial use of instream flows is one of those, but as Senator Kahle pointed out a little bit ago, and he used Republican Valley as an example, it is pretty well developed. There are a lot of reservoirs down there and Senator Kahle mentioned that there is some water on the reservoir from Alma on down to the Kansas line. Well, the reason for that, I'm not sure that the rest of you know, is because there is a compact, it is not because of Nebraska law, it is because of a compact. Kansas said give us so much water or you can't put that reservoir in and that is basically what happened. I suggested on General File and I am going to suggest it again, we are barking up the wrong tree when we are talking about instream flows and talking about putting in reservoirs to protect them or provide them. Instream flows are going to be lost...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.